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- ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.
- ²⁹ How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has spurned the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?
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The sin that was being addressed and confronted in the church was the **willful, deliberate sin**

- of a true believer
- who left the Christian community
- and went back to the synagogue or temple
- to protect themselves from persecution.

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- **Despising the Word of God**

- Hebrews 10:26-31
- attitude of repeated disobedience

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- David: cried out for God's mercy.
- **Psalm 51:4** Against you – you above all – I have sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. So you are just when you confront me; you are right when you condemn me.
- ¹⁴ Rescue me from the guilt of murder, O God, the God who delivers me!
- ¹⁶ Certainly you do not want a sacrifice, or else I would offer it; you do not desire a burnt sacrifice.
¹⁷ The sacrifices God desires are a humble spirit – O God, a humble and repentant heart you will not reject

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- ¹⁴ Nonetheless, because you have treated the LORD with such contempt in this matter, the son who has been born to you will certainly die." ¹⁵ Then Nathan went to his home. The LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and the child became very ill.

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- **Deliberate sin of Nadab and Abihu**
- **Leviticus 10:1** Then Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, each took his fire pan and put fire in it, set incense on it, and presented strange fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them to do.
- ² So fire went out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them so that they died before the LORD.
- ³ Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke: 'Among the ones close to me I will show myself holy, and in the presence of all the people I will be honored.'

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- **"Worthy is the Lamb** who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" Revelation 5:12

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Sin is

Disgusting.

Despicable.

Disgraceful.

Dreadful.

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Job 28:28 And he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.'

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- **1 Chronicles 21:2-13** David told Joab and the leaders of the army, "Go, count the number of warriors from Beer Sheba to Dan. Then bring back a report to me so I may know how many we have." Joab replied, "May the LORD make his army a hundred times larger! My master, O king, do not all of them serve my master? Why does my master want to do this? Why bring judgment on Israel?"
- This command was also evil in God's sight, so He afflicted Israel.

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- David said to God, "I have sinned greatly by doing this! Now, please remove the guilt of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly." The LORD told Gad, David's prophet, "Go, tell David, 'This is what the LORD says: "I am offering you three forms of judgment from which to choose. Pick one of them."
 - three years of famine,
 - or three months being chased by your enemies and struck down by their swords,
 - or three days being struck down by the LORD, during which a plague will invade the land and the LORD's messenger will destroy throughout Israel's territory.'
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“It is a fearful thing to fall into the Lord’s hands for chastening...

...but it is a wonderful thing to fall into His hands for cleansing and restoration.” Wiersbe

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Hebrews 10:38:

My righteous one shall live by faith.

Do walk by faith!